

Abstract of the Invention

The invention provides a colorant for use in tinting contact lenses in which
5 the binding polymer used is capable of forming an interpenetrating polymer network
with the lens material. When the colorants of the invention are applied to uncured
lens material that is subsequently cured, the binding polymer forms an
interpenetrating polymer network with the lens material embedding the colorant
within the lens material resulting in a stable, tinted lens.